

Westport

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Fairfield County
Stamford Labor Market Area
Southwestern Economic Dev. Region
South Western Planning Area

Incorporated in 1835

Demographics

<i>Population (1998)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	25,290	807,143	3,107,580	White	22,497	636,147	2,648,212
1990	24,410	827,645	3,287,116	Black	279	82,879	274,213
1998	24,142	836,207	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	643	25,592	73,304
2003	24,106	843,924	3,272,149	Native American	23	939	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	-0.15%	0.92%	0.03%	Other	13	1,610	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	687	89,040	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	20.01	625.85	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.15%	6.09%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	1,206.50	1,336.11	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$65,910	\$37,252	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	9,186	308,221	1,229,087	High School Graduate	2,162	12.2%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	43.6	38.1	37.2	Some College	3,629	20.5%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	10,770	60.7%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	643 6%	1,790 16%	779 7%	3,979 35%	2,657 23%	1,663 14%	11,511
Female	627 5%	1,708 14%	818 6%	4,555 36%	2,741 22%	2,182 17%	12,631
County Total	54,813 7%	139,006 17%	64,748 8%	322,604 39%	137,401 16%	117,635 14%	836,207
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	47	1.5%	193	0.9%	State Street Bank & Trust Company	\$50,082,060	1.67%
Const. and Mining	182	5.9%	605	3.0%	Teachers Ins & Annuity Assoc of Amer.	\$25,210,100	0.84%
Manufacturing	140	4.5%	1,378	6.8%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$18,313,630	0.61%
Trans. And Utilities	67	2.2%	788	3.9%	Tauk Tours Incorporated	\$17,713,590	0.59%
Trade	670	21.8%	5,282	25.9%	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company	\$16,505,046	0.55%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	366	11.9%	2,493	12.2%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$3,001,137,286	
Services	1,594	51.8%	9,412	46.2%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	13	0.4%	215	1.1%	Town of Westport	Save the Children Foundation	
Total	3,079	100.0%	20,366	100.0%	Hallbrooke Foundation	Ryan Partnership	
					Phibro Energy, Inc.		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$963,846,585	\$30,837,967,729

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
Total Students	4,020	461,203		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$11,941	\$8,300		Reading	86 55	80 60		83 64	
Average Teacher's Salary	\$58,655	\$48,598		Math	86 59	71 52		76 51	
Students Attending Public School	88.7%	89.2%		Writing	63 46	60 46		78 51	
Student/Teacher Ratio	13.3	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	93.4%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	0.2%	4.6%		Verbal		578	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		561	499		
Kindergarten 21.5	Grade 2 23.1								
Grade 5 22.4	Grade 7 22.3	High School 21.2							

Connecticut Town Profiles 1998-1999

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Representative Town Meeti	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$3,597,388
		As % of Expenditures	4.7%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$81,479,990	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$6,328,780,821
Tax Revenue	\$69,735,422	Per Capita	\$257,634
Non-tax Revenue	\$9,039,375	As % of State Average	330.4%
Intergovernmental	\$2,705,193	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/85
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$2,738	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	Aaa
As % of State Average	192.3%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	23.20
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	11.03
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	19.9%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	9,931	335,017	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	91.5%	64.2%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	6	4,504	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	40	2,045	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	42	4,830	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.40%	0.61%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	84	3,211	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	20	449	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	152	1,901	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	664	17,795	56,333	\$400,001 or More	380	3,349	4,036
Average Price	\$546,350	\$314,650	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$450,000	\$221,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	7,687	208,121	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	33.3%	34.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	188	30,502	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
Labor Force	14,303	446,996	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Employed	13,943	427,779	1,635,400	1. Westport	3821	Westport	3821
Unemployed	360	19,217	87,900	2. Norwalk	2091	New York	2845
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	4.3%	5.1%	3. Bridgeport	2044	Norwalk	1432
Total Employment	16,350	411,650	1,581,700	4. Fairfield	1952	Stamford	1090
Manufacturing	680	75,610	265,850	5. New York	670	Fairfield	586
'92-'97 Growth Rate	18.7%	5.7%	4.3%	6. Stratford	667	Bridgeport	336
Daytime Population	19,738	472,065	1,740,247	7. Weston	663	Greenwich	233
				8. Trumbull	500	New Jersey	202
				9. Milford	452	Wilton	186
				10. Stamford	449	New Haven	128

Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	15	1,378	Total Volumes	194,301	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	10	756	Circulation Per Capita	19.7	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	19	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0.358	0.099	Hartford	56	Southern Connecticut Gas Company
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	146	203-382-8111
Per 1,000 Residents	31.4	40	New York City	44	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	33.6%	68.8%	Providence	111	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company
					1-800-732-9678
Hospitals (1997)	0	16			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	2,184			Cablevision of CT
					203-348-9211